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### *Reaction at Stanford*

**L**ike many research centers and universities, the Hoover Institution at Stanford University takes pride in its Washington connections. Hoover, a conservative organization, has never been shy about its many links to the Reagan Administration and other Potomac Poo-Bahs. So it was with some fanfare that the center cited in its 1982 annual report no fewer than 40 scholars or former Hoover fellows who have gone to work here for President Reagan.

The 1982 report also prominently featured photographs of one of the institution's most visible honorary fellows, Mr. Reagan, whose gubernatorial and campaign papers are stored at the Hoover library.

Others listed in the report were Edward Teller, an adviser to the President on scientific affairs; Darrell M. Trent, Deputy Secretary of Transportation; W. Glenn Campbell, chairman of Mr. Reagan's Intelligence Oversight Board; John Cogan, Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Richard V. Allen, former national security adviser.

The effect of Hoover's list, however, was not quite what it anticipated. Some 1,500 Stanford students and 75 faculty members have signed petitions calling on the Stanford board of trustees to review the relationship between Hoover and the university.

The faculty petition, circulated by John Manley, professor of political science, and Ronald Rebbholz, professor of English, asserts that an inquiry is needed because "the existence of a partisan research and policy organization, whether liberal or conservative," within the college raises "serious questions about academic independence, integrity and the reputation of the university."

Recently, a counterpetition began circulating. It maintains that such an inquiry would constitute a "dangerous precedent" for Stanford and other academic institutions. As of Friday, it had about 50 faculty signatures. The petition accuses proponents of the initial petition of hypocrisy. Hoover is only under attack, they say, because its connections are with conservatives.

While Hoover critics contend that they would have requested an inquiry of the institution irrespective of its political leanings, Alfonse Juilland, a professor of French and Italian who drafted the second petition, concluded: "Whoever believes that belongs in Disneyland." Or in Washington, perhaps.

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